

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

CPG # NM-1764

Application of Allesandro Mina for a certificate of)
public good for an interconnected net-metered)
wind turbine)

Order entered: 12/23/2011

I. INTRODUCTION

This case involves an application filed by Allesandro Mina ("Applicant") on November 14, 2011, requesting a certificate of public good ("CPG") pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") Rule 5.100, for a net metering system. The net metering system consists of a wind turbine.

Notice of the application in this docket was sent by the Applicant to all parties as specified in the Board's Rule 5.100. The notice stated that any party wishing to submit comments or request a hearing in this matter needed to file comments with the Board within thirty (30) days of the date that the notice of the application was sent.

On November 14, 2011, the Board received letters from three adjoining landowners, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, and the Woodstock Municipal Manager, each waiving any claim to comments on the proposed project, so that the application could receive expedited Board review. On November 30, 2011, the Board also received via email a statement from the Department of Public Service ("DPS") that the DPS does not object to expediting the review of the proposed project.

No comments have been received from any other parties or interested persons.

The Board has reviewed the application and accompanying documents and agrees that, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and the Board's Rule 5.100, a CPG should be issued without further investigation or hearing.

II. FINDINGS

Based upon the application and its accompanying documents, the Board makes the following findings in this matter.

1. The proposed net metering project is located on property owned by the 20 Meadowbrook Road Nominee Trust at 457 Hall Circle Drive in Woodstock, Vermont. Application at Section 1.

2. The wind turbine has a tower height of 100 feet and a rotor diameter of 27 feet. Application at Section 5.

3. The proposed project consists of a wind turbine system with a system-rated power output of 11.4 kW AC. The facility will be interconnected with the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation electrical distribution system. Application at Section 5, and Attachment.

4. Applicant has certified that the project is in compliance with all of the provisions of Sections 3 and 8 of the application. Based on these submissions, we conclude that the project does not raise a significant issue with respect to the environmental criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248. Application at Sections 3 and 8.

5. Applicant has certified compliance with the insurance requirements as set forth in Section 3 of the application. Application at Section 3.

III. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The Applicant sought an expedited review of the application. The Board received waivers of the right to comment on the application from all entities that received copies of the application but the Agency of Natural Resources ("ANR"). If ANR had waived its right to comment, the Board would have waived the 30-day comment period and thus expedited its review of the proposed project. However, because the Board did not receive a waiver from ANR, the Board did not waive the comment period.

In Docket No. 6181,¹ the Board developed a net metering program in accordance with the statutory requirements of 30 V.S.A. § 219a. This program was further refined by the Board with

1. *Investigation into the Use of A Net Metering System for the Purchase and Sale of Electricity from Small Electrical Generating Systems to and from Electric Companies*, Docket No. 6181, April 21, 1999.

the adoption of Board Rule 5.100. The goals of the Order and Rule are to encourage private investment in renewable energy resources, stimulate the economic growth of the state and enhance the continued diversification of energy sources used in Vermont. The standards and requirements adopted in the Order and Rule have been determined by the Board to protect public safety and system reliability.

Based upon the findings and evidence, the proposed net metering project will be in compliance with the requirements of the Board's Order in Docket No. 6181 and Rule 5.100, the application does not raise a significant issue with respect to the substantive criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248, and the proposed project will promote the general good of the state.

IV. ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that the proposed wind turbine net metering system, in accordance with the evidence and plans submitted in this proceeding, will promote the general good of the State of Vermont pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 219a, and a certificate of public good to that effect shall be issued in this matter, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 23rd day of December, 2011.

<u>s/ James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/ David C. Coen</u>)	BOARD
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<u>s/ John D. Burke</u>)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: December 23, 2011

Attest: s/ Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.